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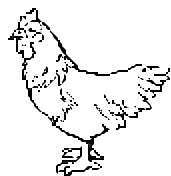
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was no better than steady, mostly about steady to barely steady. Retail demand was slow to fair with hot weather limiting movement in the Midwest. Food service was fair to moderate, at times good for fast food, fairs, and festivals. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in the best balance, occasionally close, and moving. Wings were fully adequate to ample with little interest, and dark meat was readily available, but slightly improved in some areas as export interest increased. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/29/02-08/03/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	(Includes branded product)	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		WTD AVG			
Bos/New Eng	47.00-50.00	48.71	14	52.58	35
Chicago	46.00-49.00	48.79	41	50.16	79
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.21	20
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	62.17	9
Denver	68.50	68.49	17	67.21	19
Detroit	48.00	50.20	10	55.35	38
Los Angeles	69.00	66.45	67	62.69	171
New York	47.00-50.00	49.22	23	50.58	43
Philadelphia	47.50-49.00	48.36	11	49.46	23
Pittsburgh	47.00-49.00	48.91	11	54.93	51
St. Louis	48.00-48.50	48.15	20	49.59	42
San Francisco	69.50	68.05	30	65.81	72

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	07/29/02	Change/Last Wk	07/22/02	07/30/01
602	55.74	-1.90	57.64	61.02

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	53.00-55.00	53.64	30
Central	50.00-57.00	53.72	64
West	47.00-57.00	56.87	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.00-64.00	63.16	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,158	43.00-66.15	63.01

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.00	1,293
BREASTS - B/S	153.50	4,893
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,163
THIGH MEAT - B/S	65.00	765
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	9,492
WINGS	51.00	3,227

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity for early week business was light as buyers take a wait and see attitude before purchasing product. Demand overall was fair but unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient but clearing. Dark meat cuts were available and wings were fully adequate

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, strongest where retail ads and fast food promotions were active. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle limited needs and often discounted to help move. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to close and in the best position. Dark meat was readily available, and wings were at least adequate with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's levels. Reported trading for this week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments, however new negotiations were at unchanged to generally lower prices. Buying interest had improved to cover anticipated first-of-the month needs. Offerings were fully adequate to cover current needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover features planned for later in the week. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported parts trading: leg quarter bulk 17-18 and 4/10s 20.25-20.5, breast 85-90 bone-in and boneless 142-147, drumsticks 26-30, and boneless leg meat at the mid-50 level. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 49.97 down 1.61 compared to last week with the volume reported at 33 loads up 3 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices in Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis were 2 cents lower. The trade sentiment on whole fryers ranged steady to instances barely steady. Additional offers of whole fryers and Wogs were adequate for buyers needs. Retail demand light to fair as hot and humid weather conditions in the Midwest limit buyers interest. Food service movement moderate to instances good in fast food outlets, fairs, and festivals. Floor stocks adequate. Regular commitments satisfy needs on part items. The market tone about barely steady on wings and leg quarters, steady on balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair entering the week. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 50 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items, especially boneless/skinless were in good balance and clearing well. Other items were at least adequate to readily available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	43-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.69
NO. OF BOXES	8,322

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light with weekend movement irregular. Offerings of breast items ranged close balanced to adequate. Dark meat cuts were usually available. A steadier tone on leg quarters was noted in a few locations as export interest improved. Wings were ample and discounted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow for early week business. The market tone was cautious but usually steady to fully steady on breast items, at least steady on thighs, and no better than steady to weak on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150		148.88	444,920
TENDERLOINS	95-100		100.64	190,672
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77		83.92	139,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	76		77.12	155,400
LEGS	31-33		33.08	148,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		18.42	116,480
DRUMSTICKS	30-31		31.11	84,430
THIGHS	18-19		23.79	80,340
B/S THIGHS	62-63		65.54	80,060
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49		53.62	339,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.83	25,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20		18.60	8,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35		41.11	19,160

NCLUDES NY CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	680	130.00-142.00	137-140	137.88
TENDERLOINS	82	93.00-103.00	-	93.24
BREAST - WITH RIBS	160	78.00-81.00	-	79.50
FRONT HALVES	880	55.00-58.50	58	57.61
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	400	13.00-14.00	-	13.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,640	13.00-17.00	13-15	14.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	NO TRADING REPORTED			
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,160	13.00-15.00	-	14.93

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/29	07/25	07/25	07/22	07/18
ALA	4,121	4,014	5.16	4043	4.99
ARK	5,378	5,211	4.87	5374	4.96
DELMARVA	2,357	2,316	5.06	2351	5.04
KY-LA-TN	1,993	1,958	4.42	1993	4.41
MISS	2,915	2,938	5.26	2925	5.31
NC	2,643	2,615	5.78	2610	5.82
TEXAS	2,460	2,426	4.78	2447	4.87
TOTAL	21,867	21,478	5.06	21,743	5.07
MON	21,867(A)			21,743(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Jul 2002 is estimated to be 32,716,000 up 0.27 percent from a week ago and up 5.34 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,628,000; last year 31,057,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	926	130.00-220.00	144-150	147.45
TENDERLOINS	216	105.00-185.00	110-115	148.40
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	84.00-88.00	84-85	84.89
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	87	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	441	12.00-17.00	12-13	13.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,228	14.00-26.00	18-19	18.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	46.00-54.00	47-49	49.43
WINGS (CUT)	510	60.00-74.00	61-63	64.33
DRUMSTICKS	64	36.00-42.00	-	36.39
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUL 29, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.75 - 40.50	37.47	37.69

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 29-JUL - 02-AUG 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	134.00 - 159.00	145.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	78.00 - 101.00	79.00 - 85.00
LEGS	15.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 19.00	16.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	14.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	35.00 - 63.00	47.00 - 48.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	28.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-89
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	94-95
ICE PACK	104-113
DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	94-98
ICE PACK	152-166
DUCKS	

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

26-JUL-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-16.00	13.50-15.00	698,000	300,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.46	13.90		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.50-12.00	10.50-15.00	983,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.79	12.48		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair with supplies at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 29-JUL-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11.5	8.5-9	8.86

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

26-JUL-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.25-16.00	13.00-14.00	285,600	40,800
WTD AVERAGE	15.25	13.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-15.00	10.50-15.00	1,564,400	204,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.64	11.69		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the mostly fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-JUL-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
		CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-10.5	8.25-8.75		8.60
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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